

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1952.

Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R. J. Little), Perth.

1st July, 1952.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1951 was estimated to be 591,602, comprising 304,866 Males and 286,736 Females.

The estimated population of the Metropolitan Area at the 31st December, 1951 was 317,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	<u>APRIL.</u>		<u>4 Months ended</u> <u>APRIL.</u>	
	<u>1952</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1951</u>
Marriages - Number.	563	552	2,105	2,043
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	11.50	11.63	10.70	10.79
Births - Number.	1,271	1,233	5,087	4,964
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	25.95	25.97	25.87	26.21
Deaths - Number.	379	374	1,583	1,561
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	7.74	7.88	8.05	8.24
Infant Mortality - Number.	30	32	149	174
*Rate per 1000 Live Births.	23.60	25.95	29.29	35.05
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis.	7	11	31	39
Cancer.	53	54	211	214
Influenza.	1	1	5	1
Diphtheria.	-	1	-	3
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	33	37	184	156
Arteriosclerosis.	11	11	53	45
Diseases of the Heart.	126	111	463	454
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia.	8	10	54	54
Diarrhoea and Enteritis.	3	9	18	34
Nephritis.	6	10	21	26
Diseases of Early Infancy.	19	23	96	101
Senility.	2	3	7	8
Accidents.	37	33	129	143
All Other Causes.	73	60	311	283
Total.	379	374	1,583	1,561

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the five months ended May totalled 389,788 acres, a decrease of 153,570 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,216,623 acres, a decrease of 275,615.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of MAY.		11 Months ended MAY.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue.	3,217,031	2,415,917	30,149,388	23,873,405
Revenue per Head of Population.	£5. 7. 6	£4. 3. 5	£51. 2. 0	£41. 19. 3
Expenditure.	2,983,402	2,618,213	31,245,170	25,172,567
Expenditure per Head of Population.	£4. 19. 8	£4. 10. 5	£52. 19. 2	£44. 4. 11

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st May amounted to £46,247,506 or £77. 4. 2d. per head of population as against £43,867,708 or £75. 12. 10d. per head as at the 31st May last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 28th May, 1952 amounted to £12,118,861 compared with £10,725,228 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds.		MAY.		11 Months ended MAY.	
		1952	1951	1952	1951
Transfers.	No.	1,823	2,435	20,747	23,275
	£.	2,585,437	3,000,506	27,800,435	27,440,899
Mortgages.	No.	1,361	1,469	14,205	15,466
	£.	2,361,320	1,967,799	20,027,165	19,723,301
Discharges of Mortgages.	No.	1,124	1,218	10,300	11,062

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Period of Receipt of Returns.	TAXABLE GOODS.		Sales of Exempt Goods.	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable. (Gross).	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable. (Gross).		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Eleven months ended May, 1951.	27,209,067	19,871,538	56,443,987	2,797,562
Eleven months ended May, 1952.	33,901,590	25,516,773	79,074,492	5,072,123
Month of May, 1951.	3,272,107	2,327,770	7,240,214	302,907
Month of May, 1952.	3,118,186	2,413,848	8,339,259	504,962

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

82 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £4,570,900, and 62 Foreign Companies were registered during the eleven months ended May, 1952. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 107 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £4,569,000, and 42 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	11 Months ended MAY.					
	1952			1951		
	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders.	19	32,287	32,879	25	76,825	39,109
Deeds of Assignment.(a)	16	50,161	38,029	15	41,041	41,561
Deeds of Arrangement.	1	1,978	1,015	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	APRIL.		10 Months ended APRIL.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Gross Earnings. (a) * £.	666,800	555,400	7,796,600	5,619,700
Working Expenses. (a) £.	777,254	758,241	8,624,270	7,010,223
Train Miles Run. No.	468,873	586,000	5,848,263	5,947,462
Motor Bus Miles Run. No. (b)	155,694	154,132	(c) 1,508,967	(c) 1,384,424
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train. No.	628,276	925,832	9,058,285	9,466,271
Motor Bus. No.	50,302	44,830	481,380	452,291
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods.	213,235	255,044	2,492,708	2,382,859
Livestock.	6,852	8,932	111,868	126,495
Departmental. (Free Freight).	71,473	61,398	735,051	718,998
Total.	291,560	325,374	3,339,627	3,228,352
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods.	32,498,599	38,148,367	385,463,919	365,587,489
Livestock.	924,982	920,348	14,622,885	15,630,328
Departmental. (Free Freight).	7,449,274	7,832,223	79,136,341	85,631,363
Total.	40,872,855	46,900,938	479,223,145	466,849,180

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 5th April.

(c) Period ended 5th April.

* Figures liable to revision.

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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES).

	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1950	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
1952 -								
January.	290	148	1	140	602	398	3	237
February.	378	175	3	143	774	469	9	231
March.	407	228	4	156	881	611	11	261
April.	512	241	5	120	949	568	7	177

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).*

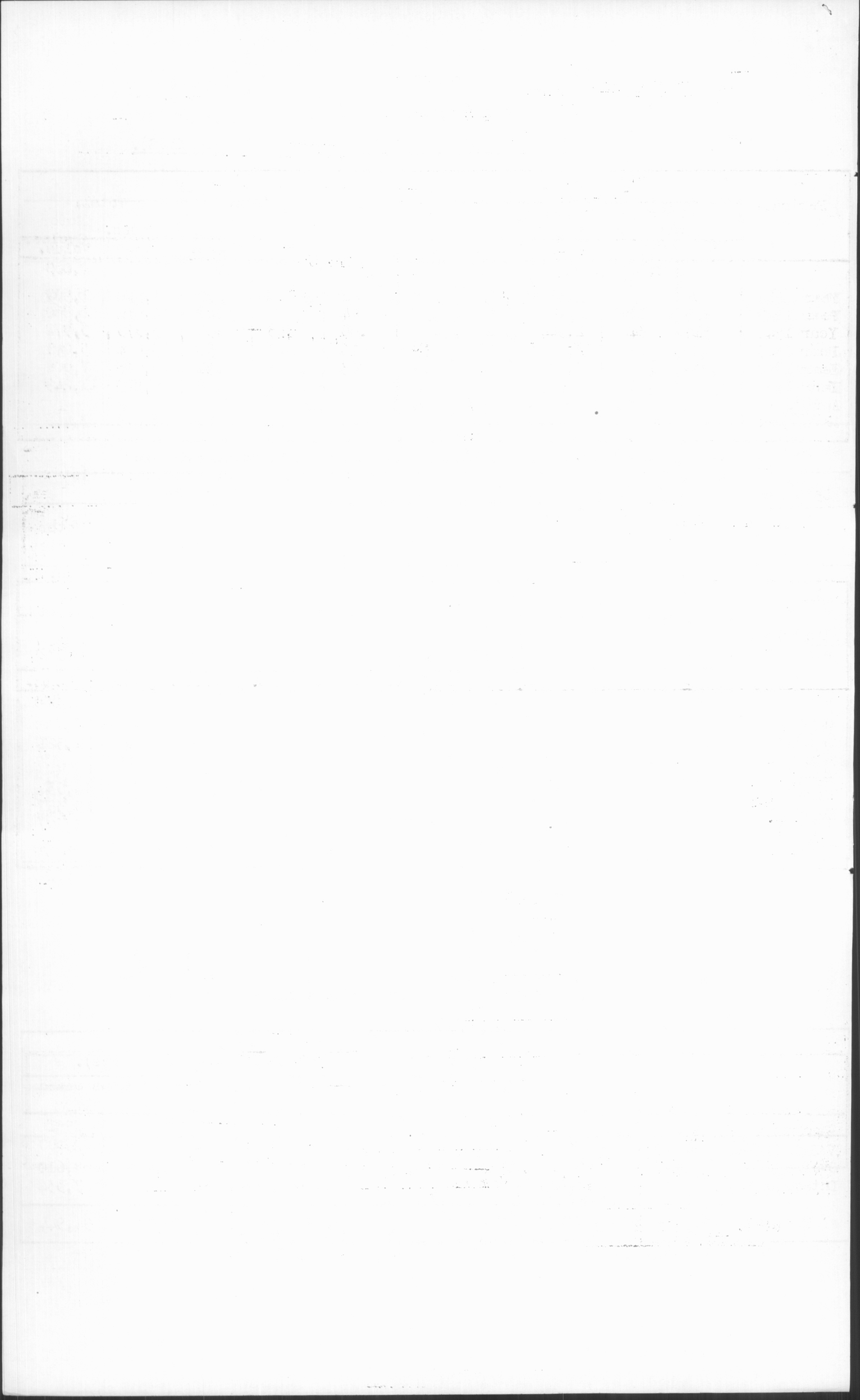
Date (as at end of Month).	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948 -								
June.	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
1949 -								
June.	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972
1950 -								
June.	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
1951 -								
June.	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
1952 -								
January.	35,934	15,770	498	9,834	59,073	46,524	915	14,934
February.	36,069	15,824	501	9,867	60,178	48,141	950	15,357
March.	36,377	15,964	507	9,907	60,967	48,676	963	15,507
April.	36,863	16,133	507	9,953	62,146	49,462	962	15,796

* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles, which comprised for April, 1952:-
98 Cars; 738 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 9 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA).

Trade of Western Australia, April 1952 and 1951, and ten months ended April, 1952 and 1951, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS.				EXPORTS. (Including Ships' Stores).			
	APRIL.		10 Months ended APRIL.		APRIL.		10 Months ended APRIL.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Oversea.	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate.	4,186	3,861	52,861	33,430	8,109	14,269	65,825	87,610
	4,848	4,215	50,655	37,803	545	884	9,697	7,334
Total.	9,034	8,076	103,516	71,233	8,654	15,153	75,522	94,944



BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period.	Dwellings.				Factories.		Other.		Total.	
	Owner-Built.		By Contractors etc.(a)							
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952 - March Qr.	586	1,103	898	1,779	14	185	121	399	1,619	3,466

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period.	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls.									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood.		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement.		Other Material.		Total.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952 - March Qr.	559	1,374	113	171	769	1,255	36	70	1,477	2,870

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

543,640 lbs. were produced during May, 1952, and 13,690,364 lbs. for the eleven months ended May, 1952, as against 739,167 lbs. and 14,355,776 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1951.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	MAY.		5 Months ended MAY.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Quantity. Fine Ozs.	90,283	78,613	297,221	276,276
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	1,398,641	1,217,842	4,604,489	4,279,985

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the five months ended May, 1952 amounted to £236,848. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1951 amounted to £277,815.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

	Food and Groceries.				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	MARCH QUARTER.		12 Months ended MARCH.		MARCH QUARTER.		12 Months ended MARCH.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Metropolitan Area.	2242	1795	2075	1667	2080	1712	1952	1596
Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	2419	1922	2229	1797	2164	1782	2036	1689
Northam.	2308	1814	2118	1682	2070	1732	1955	1610
Bunbury.	2299	1805	2115	1682	2106	1719	1967	1614
Geraldton.	2347	1849	2157	1710	2169	1809	2046	1677
Collie.	2305	1807	2115	1680	1992	1643	1872	1533

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month.	1951			1952		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
January.	123,741	40,324	164,065	127,021	40,611	167,632
February.	124,946	41,182	166,128	127,514	41,319	168,833
March.	125,210	41,480	166,690	127,866	41,367	169,233
April.	124,785	41,729	166,514	127,705	41,326	169,031
May.	124,715	41,642	166,357			
June.	125,284	41,564	166,848			
July.	125,649	41,445	167,094			
August.	125,475	41,602	167,077			
September.	125,366	41,474	166,840			
October.	125,843	41,405	167,248			
November.	126,646	41,467	168,113			
December.	126,667	41,743	168,410			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

	FACTORIES. (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)).					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)).				
	1948	1949	1950	1951(a)	1952(a)	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
January.	171	179	194	208	213	1233	1354	1410	1490	1540
February.	172	182	197	212	213	1249	1358	1387	1495	1536
March.	176	186	200	215	213	1264	1371	1415	1513	1522
April.	176	187	200	215	213	1264	1377	1415	1508	1517
May.	177	187	203	216		1277	1354	1418	1500	
June.	177	187	202	215		1277	1362	1429	1517	
July.	177	182	204	216		1301	1381	1423	1517	
August.	179	189	204	215		1294	1377	1419	1510	
September.	180	190	204	212		1302	1365	1428	1518	
October.	180	191	206	214		1318	1375	1431	1522	
November.	182	192	207	214		1349	1402	1450	1537	
December.	182	194	207	213		1385	1470	1531	1587	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1951 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation.	Metropolitan Area.			South-West Land Division.			Goldfields and Rest of State.		
	Male.			Female.			Male.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
28th April, 1952.	11.	3.	10	7.	5.	6	11.	2.	5
							7.	4.	7
							11.	8.	10
							7.	8.	9

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

Particulars.	MAY.		11 Months ended MAY.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	29,114	25,819	395,432	251,604
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	25,449	23,014	256,687	229,818

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
May, 1952.	13,489	450	64,769	8,790
May, 1951.	13,264	264	21,628	7,849
5 Months ended May, 1952.	37,757	1,856	346,411	47,080
5 Months ended May, 1951.	37,393	1,580	251,380	43,092

